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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPER ROKG ACTIVITIES

WELLINGTON PASS ASST SECY HA0IP

1. ROK EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR YOO CALLED ON KOREA  
COUNTRY DIRECTOR FEBRUARY 20 TO CONVEY ROKG CONCERN OVER  
FEBRUARY 19 WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE REPORTING THAT FBI  
IS INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS OF ROKG MONETARY PAYMENTS  
TO TWO U.S. CONGRESSMEN.

2. IN RESPONDING TO YOO'S REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON REPORTS  
OF FBI INVESTIGATION, COUNTRY DIRECTOR CONFIRMED, WITH  
PRIOR DEPT OF JUSTICE CONCURRENCE, THAT INVESTIGATION IS  
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BEING CONDUCTED BY FBI INTO ALLEGATIONS, AS REPORTED

IN THE WASHINGTON POST. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITHSTANDING JUSTICE DEPT POLICY, IT NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS.

3. YOO EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN OVER DAMAGE TO ROKG PUBLIC IMAGE WHICH CONTINUED UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY GENERATED BY CHESHIRE ARTICLE COLD HAVE. HE ASKED

DEPT TO COMMUNICATE TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ROKG HOPE THAT INVESTIGATION CAN BE CONCLUDED EXPEDITIOUSLY. WE AGREED TO CONVEY ROKG CONCERN TO JUSTICE DEPT.

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